



# St. Francis De Sales Parish BULLETIN



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Roman Catholic Parish  
HIGH RIVER - VULCAN, AB



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## LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm - High River  
Sunday 9:00 am - Vulcan  
Sunday 11:00 am - High River

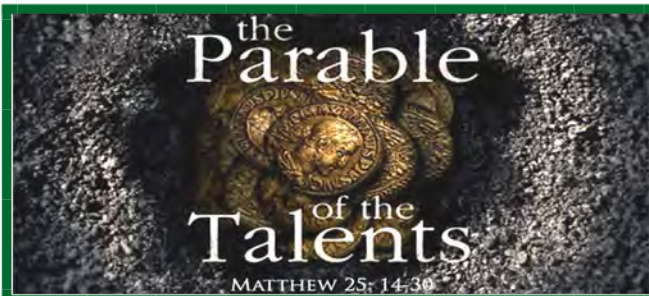
## CONFESSIONS

Monday - Saturday: 45 minutes before Masses

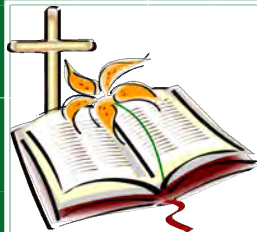
## XXXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



November  
19, 2023



## Sunday Readings

**First Reading:** (Proverbs 31:10-13, 16-18, 20, 28-31) We are to be like the worthy wife in today's First Reading and the faithful man we sing of in today's Psalm. Like them, we should walk in the "fear of the Lord"—in reverence, awe, and thanksgiving for His marvelous gifts. This is the beginning of wisdom (see [Acts 9:31](#); [Proverbs 1:7](#)).

**Second Reading:** (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6) The day of the Lord is coming, Paul warns in today's Epistle. What matters isn't the time or the season but what the Lord finds us doing with the new life, the graces He has given to us.

**Gospel:** (Matthew 25:14-30) This is at the heart of Jesus' parable in today's Gospel. Jesus is the Master. Having died, risen, and ascended into heaven, He appears to have gone away for a long time.

<https://stpaulcenter.com/reflections> for more info.



## SOME TALENTS ARE INAPPROPRIATE

One man in a group being received into the church heard the pastor say, "Now God has given each of you a unique talent. When you join the church, you are expected to serve God with whatever abilities you have." Well, it just so happened that this particular man was a

reformed criminal. After he was released from prison, he had renounced the life of crime and gone straight. Joining the church, making a commitment to follow Jesus, was the first step in that effort. Serving God was a little out of his line, but he wanted to do what he could. So he went to the pastor and said, "Preacher, church work is something I'm not real familiar with, but I can fix the church's electric meter so that every other day it will run backwards. That way you'll never have to write another check to American Electric."

Well, some talents are just inappropriate for use in the service of God, no matter how sincerely they're offered! But all of us have at least one talent that is valuable to the church.

## The Rorate Mass

**The Rorate Masses celebrated during Advent take their name from the words "Rorate caeli desuper" (Rain down the dew of heaven) spoken by the prophet Isaiah. It is worth reflecting on the significance of this special form of Mass at this time and how we can fully benefit from this gift of ecclesiastical tradition.**

Rorate is a Mass celebrated in honour of Mary. During Advent weekdays, a white candle with a blue ribbon is placed near the altar to symbolize Mary. Why is the Mass celebrated at dawn? This early hour is a reminder for us to remain vigilant at all times so that we don't miss the moment of the birth of the Divine Child. Of course, pastoral considerations allow these Masses to be celebrated in the evening so that more people can participate, but it's still important to remember the aspect of vigilance and readiness for the coming of Christ. Waking up early in the morning requires sacrifice and overcoming the difficulties of getting to church at such an early hour. It's a significant part of the Advent preparation for encountering Jesus. By making small sacrifices ourselves, we can continue to show our readiness to encounter God. At the same time, it is a symbolic surrender of one's time, and thus one's life, to the One who is the Lord of all. At the beginning of every Mass, the darkness symbolizes the world waiting for Jesus, who is represented by the light. The first light that dispels this darkness is the "rorate", a candle symbolizing the Immaculate Conception. This candle bears a flame, just as Mary carried Jesus in her womb. During the Rorate, participants bring lanterns, each one bearing light to express their desire to participate in Mary's expectation of the birth of Jesus. They want Jesus to be present in their lives, to illuminate their paths, and to guide them through daily life with its joys and concerns. This simple gesture contains a profound message about how we should arrange our relationship with God during Advent.

**In our parish, there are Rorate Masses every Saturday morning during Advent at 7:00 am.**

- **December 9, 2023 at 7:00 am**
- **December 16, 2023 at 7:00 am**
- **December 23, 2023 at 7:00 am.**

**We cordially invite you to join us in prayer.**

**Please note that there will be no mass at 9:00 am on Saturday mornings during Advent.**





## Confession or Communion to the Homebound

If you are homebound and desiring to receive communion or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call the parish office at 403-652-2203 or email Father Marius at [dzambel@mc.com](mailto:dzambel@mc.com) to request a visit. He will do his best to schedule a visit with you



*"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world. Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: he is God with us. Seek him without tiring, welcome him without*



### Sunday Offering

Did you know we now take Donations electronically!

**You have the following options:**

Direct Debit, Visa, Master Card. We also have E-transfer set up. The email address is

[donation@francisdesaleshighriver.com](mailto:donation@francisdesaleshighriver.com)

If you are interested in switching over to one of these payment methods, please call Nancy in the church office at **403-652-2203**



### Adoration

Please join us for our Adoration after the 9:00 am mass on Thursdays, **from 9:45 am—9:00pm.** If you would like to come for an assigned time, please contact Nancy in the office at **403-652-2203** or email her at [francisdesales@shaw.ca](mailto:francisdesales@shaw.ca) **All are welcome!**

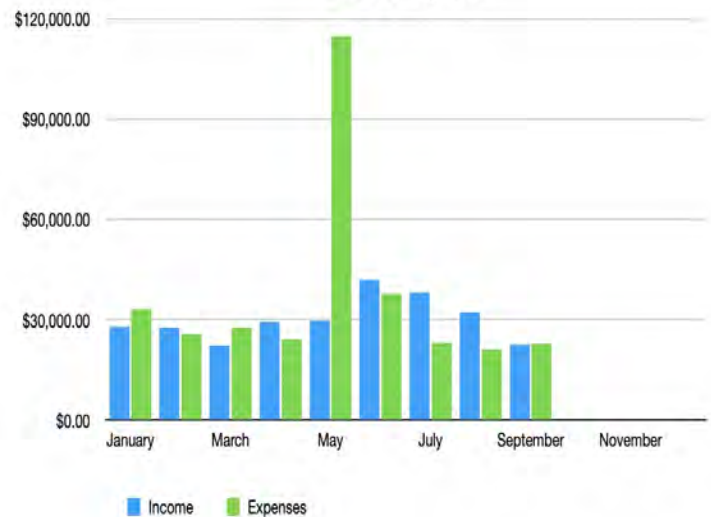
## SFDS Financial Report May— September 2023

### Monthly Financial Report

Summary by Category

Category	Income	Expenses	Difference
January	\$27,931.28	\$33,080.49	(\$5,149.21)
February	\$27,785.95	\$25,643.40	\$2,142.55
March	\$22,363.90	\$27,738.07	(\$5,374.17)
April	\$29,208.75	\$24,034.67	\$5,174.08
May	\$29,681.00	\$114,553.36	(\$84,872.36)
June	\$41,907.62	\$37,658.43	\$4,249.19
July	\$38,156.05	\$22,963.11	\$15,192.94
August	\$32,085.74	\$21,218.91	\$10,866.83
September	\$22,473.10	\$22,692.55	(\$219.45)
October	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
November	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
December	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$271,593.39</b>	<b>\$329,582.99</b>	<b>(\$57,989.60)</b>

Income vs. Expenses



“For it is in giving that we receive.”

~ St. Francis of Assisi



### Hospital Stay

If you are in the hospital, and are **Roman Catholic**, please insure you or a family member contacts Nancy in the Church Office at 403- 652-2203. This will ensure that you will be visited by the Priest or Pastoral Care Team.



## SFDS HELPING HANDS

### Report for the months of March—September 2023

The St. Francis de Sales Ministry has helped a total number of **13** people for the months of March to Sept.2023. We paid out a total of **\$8546.12** for bills, rent, or mortgages, as well we gave a total of **\$1250.00** in fuel cards, and **\$700.00** in grocery cards. We were also gifted **\$1500.00** in grocery cards from St. Vincent de Paul in Okotoks, and have given out \$1200.00 of that so far. The total assistance we have given so far is **\$11, 696.12**

It is rewarding to be able to assist these people who are genuinely struggling. The help we give is so appreciated. We try to listen and give help as much as we can as quickly as possible.



A huge **Thank You** to all those who have made a donation to this rewarding ministry.



# Knights of Columbus®

## Grey Cup Charity Notice

The Knights of Columbus are selling tickets on the Grey Cup Charity Raffle predicting the score of the Grey Cup game.

All profits will go to the **Handi-Bus Society of High River** who provides a tremendous service to the elderly in our community and especially the physically challenged of our Parish.

**Parishioners are encouraged to visit the Knights of Columbus ticket seller in the church hall after Mass and support this worthwhile cause.**



## SFDS Catholic Women's League

### 2024 CWL Membership Fees are Due

It's that time of year once again where the CWL will be collecting membership fees for the year 2024 beginning on **Saturday, October 28th** and running through to **Sunday, November 26th**. Fees will be collected both before and after Mass.

**The membership fee is \$35.00 which can be paid either by cash, cheque or e-transfer [sfscwl25@gmail.com](mailto:sfscwl25@gmail.com).**



## CWL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Saturday December 2, 2023  
St. Francis de Sales Church Hall

1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Hope to see you there!!!



Please mark your calendars for the **St. Francis de Sales CWL Christmas Bake Sale, Saturday December 2, 2023 from 1:00-4:30** in the church hall.

Come and get your baking for the Christmas Season and enjoy a tea or coffee while browsing.

# CWL Christmas Food Drive

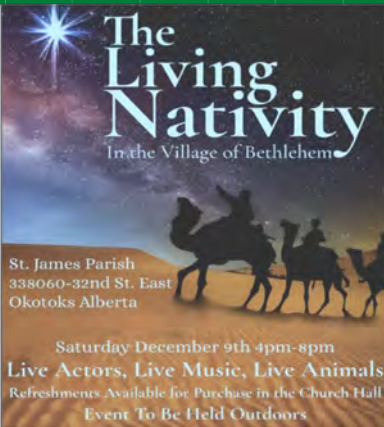


Christmas is coming and I'm sure we are all aware that Food Banks are already currently overwhelmed with families needing help.

The following is a list of items, that was taken from an Advent Calendar for Food Banks.

If you are able, please pick up some of the items (many will be on sale) every time you shop within the next couple of weeks and start a Food Bank Box to be delivered to the church hall beginning November 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Box of Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Stuffing Mix
- Boxed Potatoes
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Tuna/Salmon
- Dessert Mix
- Applesauce
- Canned Regular or Sweet Potatoes
- Cranberry Sauce
- Box of Crackers
- Package of Rice
- Package of Oatmeal
- Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Tomato Soup
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Corn
- Canned Carrots
- Canned Beans
- Baby Food and Formula
- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex Tissue



## St James Parish

As we prepare for Christmas this year, St James Parish, in Okotoks, invites you to come and walk through the Town of Bethlehem and meet the Holy Family in this live replica of the Christmas Nativity. The Living Nativity will take place on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from to 8 pm in the field next to the Church parking lot.

The address is 338040 32nd St East, Okotoks.

Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted and given to charity. There will be light, warm refreshments available for a small fee in the Church hall. We hope to see you there!

"The Living Nativity is looking for assistance with people to help portray the citizens of Bethlehem, live animals such as sheep and/or a donkey, and 15 small straw/hay bales. Please contact [mummers5x@gmail.com](mailto:mummers5x@gmail.com) or [gvanterve@redeemer.ab.ca](mailto:gvanterve@redeemer.ab.ca) to help us in any way."





# REMEMBRANCE DAY

*Lest We Forget*

11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER



## Holy Spirit Academy Fundraising Society

We are selling Seasonal Christmas Plants to raise money for our HSA Fundraising Society's school initiatives!  
**Please call HSA to place an order—403-352-2889**

**IMPORTANT:** The deadline to place your order is Friday, **November 24, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.** Pick Up is scheduled for **Friday, December 8, 2023,** at the tentative scheduled time of **12 Noon** to coincide with pick up. Shawna, our School Council Fundraising Director, will confirm pick up times.

**Note:** You can place your cash and cheque orders online and return payment to HSA front desk before the deadline. **Alternatively,** Order Forms will be sent home with the students.

**Note:** Our online website also accepts credit card or you can select the PayPal.me option and use the same PayPal account you are using for HSA Hot Lunch Program. Feel free to email us if you have any questions. Contact information located at the TOP RIGHT corner of this website. **Thank you for your support!**

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\$15.00

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HOLIDAY WREATH



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HANGING GREENERY BOUGH



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OUTDOOR GREENERY ARRANGEMENT



\$50.00



# FROM GATECHISM

## *Baptism*

### **What is Baptism?**

Jesus became man to bring us to reconciliation with his Father. In John 3:5 Jesus said, "No one can enter the kingdom of God, unless he is first-born of water and Spirit." After His Resurrection, Jesus met with the eleven Apostles and gave them the commission to preach the Gospel and baptize, telling them, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved (Mk 16:16)."

"Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons and daughters of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission..."

Baptism we promise to reject sin, and the glamour of evil, and Satan, the father of sin and prince of darkness; and, we profess our faith in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We commit ourselves to membership in Christ's church and to strive for life everlasting in a life of service to God.

### **Required**

- The parents consent, or at least one of them, or someone legally standing in their place,
- and that there be reasonable hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic faith.
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### **Godparents**

- A person may have one or two godparents (also called sponsors);
- if two are chosen, they must be male and female.
- be chosen by the parents,
- have the ability and the intention to fulfil the role,
- be at least 16 years of age, and...
- be a confirmed Roman Catholic, who has already received the Most Holy Eucharist,
- leading a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith (including Marriage) and will be a good role model for the one being Baptized,
- and be neither the father nor the mother of the child;
- A baptized person who belongs to another Christian community may be admitted only as a Christian witness (not a godparent) provided that there is at least one Roman Catholic godparent who fulfills the above criteria.
- A non-baptized person cannot be a witness.



## MASS INTENTIONS

# November 1– 30, 2023

November 1	6:00 pm	All Saints Mass
November 2	9:15 am 6:00 pm	Al Gyorkos † All Souls Mass
November 3	9:15 am	Jack Pilon †
November 4	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Linda Dudley † Lynn John Marshall †
November 5	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	St. Andrew's CWL Sisters Our Parish
November 6	9:00 am	Terry Van Wezel †
November 7	7:00 pm	Bob & Lil Rehak
November 8	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Jim Walton † SFDS CWL Sisters
November 9	9:15 am	Norbert Gabriel
November 10	9:15 am	Terry Van Wezel †
November 11	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Danny & Mary Rehak † Theresa Fallows †
November 12	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Adam Rosell
November 13	9:00 am	John MacIsaac †
November 14	7:00 pm	Kidane Weldesielassie †
November 15	3:15 pm—(Seasons HR) 6:00 pm	Paul Pilon † M. Jensen
November 16	9:15 am	Joe Pollock
November 17	9:15 am	Joseph Pilon †
November 18	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Brittany Pineo Extended Hoffart Family †
November 19	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish George & Antonina Sztuk †
November 20	9:00 am	Gerard Farrell †
November 21	7:00 pm	Jerome Schmitz †
November 22	3:30 pm—(The Manor) 6:00 pm	Cathy Nesselbeck Madeline Laliberte
November 23	9:15 am	Betty Farrell †
November 24	9:15 am	Agnes Downs †
November 25	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Wayne & Diane Chayer Theresa Fallows †
November 26	9:00 am—(Vulcan) 11:00 am	Our Parish Sydney Barton †
November 27	9:00 am	John MacIsaac †
November 28	7:00 pm	Wayne Hamer †
November 29	4:00 pm—(HR Hospital) 6:00 pm	Alex Russell Esther Magoose
November 30	9:15 am	Sheila Rosell





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